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NOTICE OF PENDING LEGISLATION

DATE

17 June 1958

LEGISLATIVE BILL NO.

M.R. 6716

SECTION I

GENERAL

TO : DDS - Mr. Lloyd
DDI - Mr. ██████████
Director of Training

STATINTL

FROM: LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

THE ATTACHED BILL, WHICH HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO CONGRESS, IS:

 SENT TO YOU FOR INFORMATION ONLY. A BILL ON WHICH FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IS IS NOT PREDICTED. SENT FOR YOUR COMMENT AS TO WHETHER IT IS OF INTEREST TO CIA ACTIVITIES, AND WHETHER FURTHER ACTION BY THIS OFFICE IS NECESSARY OR DESIRED. **[IT IS REQUESTED THAT COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS LEGISLATION BE FORWARDED, THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS, TO THIS OFFICE, BY]**

SECTION II

COMMENTS (From Original Addressee)

TO : LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM:

Under present court rulings, liability of government employees for infringement of copyright appears to be an individual liability and not one for which the government may be sued under the Tort Claims Act or otherwise. This is true, even though the material taken was for official use and on the order of a superior. (This is contrary to the situation existing in the field of patents). In past years we have discussed this problem with various components within the Agency, both in connection with the reproduction of copyright material for Agency use.

attached bill has now been introduced in Congress, and while no action on it is expected at this session, I would appreciate having an early expression of your views on this matter so that we may consider the advisability of establishing an Agency position which could be communicated to the Bureau of the Budget with a request for Administration support of this or similar legislation.

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